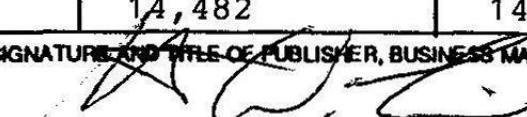


## STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

## Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation

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1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER Watertown Public Opinion		2. DATE OF FILING 10/02/00
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE Daily except Sunday, New Year's Day, 4th of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas		3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY 310
4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers) 120 3rd Ave. NW, Watertown, SD, Codington County 57201		3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE \$100.80 - \$92.00 Watertown Mail
5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printer) (Same as above.)		
6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: Steven W. Lowrie, 982 South Lake Dr., Watertown, SD 57201		
7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.) FULL NAME COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS Watertown Public Opinion Co., PO. Box 10, Watertown, SD 57201		
8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGEES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES (If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form) John R. Lowrie & Beverly W. Lowrie, 1221 Mayfair Dr., Watertown, SD 57201 Sole, Inc., 1323 Grandview Dr., Watertown, SD 57201		
9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION (See instructions on reverse side)	AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUE D PRECEDING 12 MONTHS	ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUE NEAREST TO FILING DATE
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)	14,482	14,406
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales	9,937	9,744
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)	3,743	3,630
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 10B1 and 10B2)	13,680	13,374
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS	15	14
SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY, AND OTHER FREE COPIES	143	146
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C and D)	13,838	13,534
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED 1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing	346	569
2. Return from News Agents	298	303
G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and 2 -- should equal net press run shown in A)	14,482	14,406
I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.		SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER  Steven W. Lowrie Publisher

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October, 19 2000

Notary Public

My Commission Expires January 11, 2005

My commission expires

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